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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Mark L. Gonzalgo et al.  
Serial No.: 09/887,941  
Filing date: 22 June 2001  
For: CANCER DIAGNOSTIC METHOD BASED UPON DNA  
METHYLATION DIFFERENCES  
Examiner: Carla J. Myers  
Art Unit: 1634  
Docket No.: 47675-21  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action dated 20 August 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 22 February 2005 (Monday, 21 February 2005 being a national holiday). A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

Additionally, a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is attached hereto, along with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: